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## MEDIA ADVISORY

Irish visitors that include officials from Milwaukee "sister city" Galway, Ireland will be welcomed to Milwaukee during a special reception tomorrow (Friday, August 18, 2006) at 10:00 a.m. in the anteroom of the Council Chamber, third floor of City Hall, 200 E. Wells St. Ald. Michael J. Murphy, who is the son of Irish immigrants, will host the reception.

Mayor Tom Barrett, several members of the Common Council and other city officials are expected to attend the reception, which will include special guests Minister Eamon O Cuiv, Dept. of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, Ireland, Charles Sheehan, Consul General, Irish Consulate, Chicago, Gerald Kearney, Secretary General of the Dept. of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, and members of the Galway City Council, Galway County Council & Spirit of Galway.

A city with a population of approximately 65,000, Galway is located on the west coast of Ireland. Galway was a frequent departure point for Irish who immigrated to America. Milwaukee's formal sister city agreement with Galway has been in place since December 2001. This year – as in the recent past – the Irish visitors to Milwaukee are scheduled to be here during Irish Fest (not a coincidence).

WHAT: Reception for Galway & Irish Officials

WHEN: Friday, August 18 at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Anteroom of Council Chamber, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, City Hall